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Bodies of 2 civilians killed in Hyderpora encounter exhumed

Govt orders Magisterial inquiry



Bodies of 2 civilians being exhumed from their graves at Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Authorities on Thursday exhumed bodies of Mohammad Altaf Bhat and Mudasir Gul, two civilians killed in the Hyderpora encounter, for handing them over to their families, officials said.

The bodies were exhumed after sundown and are likely to be handed over to their families later in the night, they said.

This will be for the first time that the body of a person buried under police watch is returned to his kin since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March last year.

The bodies, accompanied by a police team, are being moved to Srinagar from Handwara where they were initially buried, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the District Magistrate, Srinagar has ordered magisterial

inquiry into the encounter at Hyderpora, Srinagar.

An order in this regard has been issued by the District Magistrate, Srinagar here vide No. DMS/Jud/Inquiry/2838-2845/2021 dated 18 November, 2021.

The Additional District Magistrate, Srinagar, Khurshid Ahmad Shah has been nominated as the Inquiry Officer for conducting enquiry into the matter so as to ascertain the facts and circumstances related to the incident and the cause of death.

In a related development, the general public, person in knowledge, of the incident and is willing to record his/her statement or wants to give any other information about the incident, is being asked that he/she may attend the office of the Additional District Magistrate, Srinagar in the office complex of Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar Amar Niwas Complex, Tankipora, Srinagar for recording the statements in this matter within 10 days from the date of issuance of this notice from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM during working days, so that the enquiry in the said case is completed.

J&K Admn to provide tap water connections to eight lakh houses

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir administration has set a target of installing functional household tap water connections in eight lakh houses in one month across the union territory, officials said.

The administration has set an aspirational target of achieving 'Har Ghar Nal Jal' by August-2022 as against the nationwide

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PCI panel arrives in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: The Fact Finding Committee (FFC) of Press Council of India (PCI) on Thursday arrived in Srinagar as part of their five day visit to Jammu and Kashmir for exclusive interaction with media fraternity of the Union Territory.

The three member committee visiting the UT is comprised of Prakash Dubey, member PCI and Group Editor 'Dainik

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India, China agree to hold next round of military talks

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: India and China on Thursday agreed to hold the 14th round of military talks at an early date to achieve the objective of complete disengagement in remaining friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

At a virtual meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on border affairs, the two sides had "candid and in-depth" discussions on the situation and reviewed the developments since the last military talks on October 10, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Apart from agreeing to hold the next round of military talks, there were no signs of any major outcome from the meeting.

The MEA said the two sides agreed on the need to find an early resolution to the remaining issues while fully abiding by bilateral agree-

Rajnath inaugurates revamped war memorial in Ladakh

LEH: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday inaugurated a revamped war memorial in eastern Ladakh's Rezang La, the site of an epic battle where Indian troops bravely fought Chinese soldiers in 1962.

Singh described the monument as an example of the determination and indomitable courage displayed by the Indian Army that he said is not "only immortal in the pages of history,



Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh paying homage to fallen heroes after dedicating the renovated Rezang La Memorial to the Nation at Chushul in Ladakh.

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ments and protocols so as to restore peace and tranquillity.

In a statement, the MEA

both sides should continue to ensure a stable ground

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PAGD demands judicial inquiry

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration on Thursday demanded a judicial probe into the Hyderpora encounter, saying the magisterial inquiry ordered by the Jammu and Kashmir administration to investigate the incident cannot be fair.

"We will be writing to President Ram Nath Kovind this evening, seeking a credible probe into the Hyderpora incident. In our view, only a judicial probe can be credible and fair," CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousof Tarigami told reporters.

A controversy had erupted over the encounter held on Monday in Srinagar follow-

ing conflicting claims about the two deceased civilians as their family members contested the police's charge that they were "terror associates", prompting demands by various parties for an impartial probe.

The PAGD leaders, except PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, met at the residence of National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah to discuss the "unfortunate situation" arising out of the "killing of three innocent civilians" at Hyderpora, Tarigami said.

He claimed Mehbooba was placed under house arrest by the authorities. Tarigami, the PAGD spokesman, said the magisterial probe ordered

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ADG BSF Western Command briefs LG on security situation

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: N.S Jamwal, Additional Director General, Border Security Force, Western Command, Chandigarh on Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhavan.

The ADG briefed the Lt Governor about the security situation in the area of his responsibility and discussed the preparedness and steps taken to strengthen the security along the Border.

Discussion was also held on other important issues pertaining to increased jurisdiction of BSF from 15 to 30



LG Manoj Sinha meeting ADG BSF N.S Jamwal in Jammu on Thursday.

kms from Border; development of infrastructure in border areas; land acquisition matters and developing border tourism at Oetrol

posts.

The Lt Governor lauded the role of BSF in safeguarding the territorial integrity of Jammu and Kashmir.

He stressed on maintaining a sustained coordination between the security forces and advised the ADG

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5 IC/PPs among 13 police officers reshuffled

STATE TIMES NEWS
 JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Chandan Kohli on Thursday reshuffled five in-charge police posts among 13 police officers.

As per order, Inspector Samson Bhatti has been transferred from Police Post (P/P) SMGS Hospital and posted to District Police Line (DPL) Jammu; Inspector Kalieharan

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J&K sees two COVID deaths, 223 new cases

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 223 fresh COVID-19 cases on Thursday, pushing the infection count to 3,34,823, while two deaths due to the virus were reported from the Union territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Thirty-two of the new cases were from the Jammu

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 24.5°C Min: 9.1°C

Humidity
 Max: 83 Min: 66

Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 14.9°C Min: 2.1°C

Humidity
 Max: 88 Min: 74

Sunset : 17:30 Hours
 Sunrise : 07:06 Hours

SC refuses to direct CBSE, CISCE to provide hybrid mode option for board exams

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Thursday refused to direct the CBSE and the CISCE to provide option of hybrid mode, instead of only offline mode, to the students for appearing in class 10 and 12 board examinations, saying it would not be appropriate to disturb the process at this stage.

The apex court noted that term one board exams of the Central Board of Secondary

Education (CBSE) have already commenced from November 16, while semester one of board exams of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) are to commence from November 22.

A bench comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and C T Ravikumar was informed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was representing the CBSE, that all precautions

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Strengthen Congress to form next Govt in J&K: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS
 KATHUA: Senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday asked the people to strengthen the party by making people aware of its policies and ideology so that Jammu and Kashmir get Congress government and Chief Minister in future.

"We will soon organise a mega rally at Samba to know the unheard aspirations of people," he said.



Former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a rally at Dayalchak on Thursday

Addressing a gathering at Dayalchak, Azad said that

earlier being the

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Claims of house arrests is new norm in Kashmir to become 'hero'

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J A M M U : Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has again claimed to be under house arrest. Yet again the UT administration is silent whether she has been placed under house arrest or not. This silence is serving the purpose of the self-seeking politicians to send a message in Kashmir that they were being pulled up for being pro-Kashmiris and anti-forces, if not anti-national. At the expense of the government's mishandling they become heroes.

Hopefully the administration must be well versed that House Arrest was not mandated by any ordinary law in India. House arrest, heretofore the Supreme Court judgment in Navlakha case, was permitted only under the Preventive Detention Acts enacted by the Parliament and State Legislatures. For example, someone on house arrest may be allowed to go to work, attend school, go to medical appointments, attend court appear-

ances, and participate in meetings with their lawyer.

Assuming that the claims of Mehbooba Mufti were genuine, shouldn't the government enforce the restrictions rather than allowing her to create a scene by provoking the people for protests. The house arrest cannot be a license to vitiate the law and order situation. If a person gives two hoots to norms, he or she should be formally arrested and charged for the offenses for judicial dispensation.

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But it is not so in the instant case. Since September 7 this year, Mehbooba Mufti has at least been under 'house-arrest' five times. This is not what the government ever said but it is what she has been claiming.

Mehbooba Mufti has 'boasted' about her house arrest on September 7, September 29, November 1, November 16 and just a few hours ago. People are wondering if she had

been placed under house arrest less than 24 hours ago, how come she was again 'caged inside the house' six hours ago. And what sort of house arrests are these where the person involved makes statements, gives bytes to the media and speaks without any restrictions.

By maintaining stoic silence over the claims, the law enforcement agencies are giving leverage to Mehbooba Mufti on a platter. She is obviously playing to the galleries to garner sympathy. For becoming relevant in Kashmir politics, India bashing and victimhood cards are two key ingredients which have worked well for the dubious characters in the past over three decades. Instead of ignoring the 'non-entities' the administration is making them 'heroes'.

Protests are part of democracy and this right is rather being liberally exercised by anti-administration ele-

ments in the Valley-separatists and soft-separatists in the so-called mainstream camp. It is not too much to expect from the administration to understand the ploys and 'gimmickry' of politicians in the Union Territory, especially those across the Jawahar Tunnel. If the law-enforcing agencies had substantial inputs about breach in law and order in case the former Chief Minister had gone ahead with her protest march, they should have proceeded against her legally. Legality of such an action would have been established in the appropriate judicial process. In democracy, the voice of the people cannot be muzzled as long as their expression remains confined within constitutional framework.

The house arrests have lost their meaning in the Valley. It should be termed as rest to put the unrest to rest. It is a cozy reprimand for the mischief mongers and easy duty for those guarding outside their palatial houses. The restriction is not like the one put to a Kashmir-based US citizen Ghulam Nabi Fai in Washington DC some years ago, when an electronic

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Separate CAT benches set up in Jammu, Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: The Centre has created separate benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), which adjudicates service matters of central government employees, in Jammu and Srinagar, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

It had in May last year announced creation of a bench in Jammu with its jurisdiction over the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The CAT's bench in Jammu will have its jurisdiction over the districts of Doda,

Jammu, Kathua, Kishtwar, Reasi, Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban, Samba, Udhampur in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Leh district in the Union territory of Ladakh, it said.

Its Srinagar bench will have under it districts of Srinagar, Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Kupwara, Pulwama, Shopian in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Kargil district in the Union territory of Ladakh, said the order issued Wednesday night.

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